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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Andrew D. SUTTON et al.

Serial No.: 09/382,561

Filing Date: August 25, 1999

For: SPRAY-DRIED MICROPARTICLES  
AND THEIR USE AS THERAPEUTIC  
VEHICLES

Examiner: R. Lovering

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 16, 2001, (Paper No. 12), for which a response was due on June 16, 2001. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a 2 month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to August 16, 2001. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein is respectfully requested.